

Washington Association of District Employees
Employee of the Year Committee
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To: Conservation District Employees
Conservation District Board Chairpersons
WA Conservation Commission
Washington Association of Conservation Districts
Washington NRCS State Office

From: Craig Nelson, WADE Employee of the Year Award Committee Chair

Re: WADE Employee of the Year Award Nominations

Fellow Conservationists,

The 2005 WADE Employee of the Year Award was presented to Bobbi Lindemulder from the Snohomish CD. Congratulations to her for earning this well deserved award!

The 2006 Award will be presented in June 2006 at our WADE Training Workshop. So please put your thinking caps on and nominate a deserving employee for this prestigious award. Last year we received several very good nominations. We hope for and anticipate more nominations this year.

We would also like to stress that anyone can, and should, nominate an eligible recipient they feel should be recognized for outstanding efforts. We hope to see nominations from co-workers, employees of other Districts or agencies, supervisors, or even cooperators. We sincerely hope that you will give serious consideration for nominating a person that you work with, who works for you, or that you simply know.

To nominate an employee for this award please completely fill out the nomination form and if you wish submit **one** letter of recommendation/nomination. The letter should address additional material not already covered in the nomination form. **Nominations that do not abide by the rules may be judged at the discretion of the committee.**

Nominations must be submitted to me at the Okanogan Conservation District address no later than 5:00 PM on April 14, 2006. This date will not be changed so please make note of it. You may submit your nomination in the mail (postmarked by the due date is allowable), by e-mail, or by fax. I strongly encourage nominators to submit their nomination by e-mail if at all possible to decrease the costs of copying and mailing nominations. This also gives reviewers more time to earnestly consider your nomination.

The nominations will be ranked and a winner will be selected by a committee representing District employees and the Commission. The winner will be announced at the WADE Summer Training program in Leavenworth. We implore CDs to send all nominees to the Training program as we will give recognition to all of the nominees.

As a reminder, all members of WADE (current and past employees of Washington conservation districts, WACD, and the Commission) may be nominated for this award. This means you may nominate someone who works for (or used to work for) the WACD Plant Material Center or the Conservation Commission.

If you have questions about the process or this year's award please feel free to contact me at the Okanogan Conservation District. The telephone number is (509) 422-0855 ext. 110, and my e-mail address is craign@okanogancd.org.